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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/841,305

Filing Date: April 24, 2001

Inventors: Wellington et al.

Title: IN SITU THERMAL  
PROCESSING OF A  
HYDROCARBON  
CONTAINING FORMATION  
WITH A SELECTED  
MOISTURE CONTENT

Examiner: J. J. Kreck

Group/Art Unit: 3673

Atty. Dkt. No.: 5659-02200/EBM

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

(under 37 CFR § 1.114)

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number 09/841,305, filed on April 24, 2001, entitled IN SITU THERMAL PROCESSING OF A HYDROCARBON CONTAINING FORMATION WITH A SELECTED MOISTURE CONTENT.

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## Application Elements

1. ☒ Filing Fee

A Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit for the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.

2. ☒ Electronic Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

- ### 3. Amendments

- ☒ An amendment is enclosed.
- ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the response filed on \_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on \_\_\_\_.

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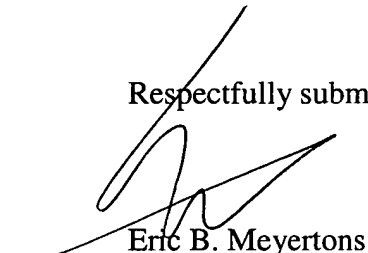
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5. ☒ Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time
6. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

If an additional extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, the appropriate extension of time is requested.

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